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First Named Inventor	Doll et al.
Art Unit	3641
Examiner Name	E. Miller
Attorney Docket Number	2507-5834US (21856-US)

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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. Enclosed
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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Final Office Action mailed November 6, 2003 and the Advisory Action mailed February 4, 2004. This amendment is submitted simultaneously with a Request for Continued Examination.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.